

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1333 Main Street, Suite 200
Columbia, SC 29201

Minutes of the Meeting

October 7, 2004
10:30 a.m.

Commission Members Present

Dalton Floyd, Chairman
Rosemary Byerly
Larry Durham
Doug Forbes
Bettie Rose Horne
Vermelle Johnson
Cynthia Mosteller
James Konduros
Tom Olsen
Daniel Ravenel

Commission Members Absent

Mick Zais
DeLoris Oliver

Staff Present

Rita Allison
Mike Brown
De'Nitra Brown
Julie Carullo
Lorinda Copeland
Renea Eshleman
Conrad Festa
Charlie FitzSimons
Betsy Gunter (retired)
Yolanda Hudson
Lynn Kelley
Rae McPherson
Lynn Metcalf
Gail Morrison
Mike Raley
Beth Rogers
Rashad Rogers
Jan Stewart
Donald Tetreault
Shayne Watts
Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Dr. Stephanie Barczewski, Clemson University
Dr. Peter Barr, Coastal Carolina University
Dr. Rayburn Barton, U.S.C.- Beaufort
Mr. Wes Bignell, Office of the Governor
Ms. Betty Boatwright, S.C. State University
Dr. Diane Brandstadter, S.C. Technical System
Dr. Denis Cioffi, George Washington University
Dr. Cheryl Cox, S.C. Technical System
Ms. Betty Davidson, Office of the Governor
Dr. David DiLenzo, Coastal Carolina University
Dr. Ed Dyer, Coastal Carolina University
Mr. Mike Gross, Trident Technical College
Dr. Kate Hawkins, Clemson University
Dr. Sally Horner, Coastal Carolina University
Dr. Ron Ingle, Coastal Carolina University
Dr. Karen Jones, Winthrop University
Ms. Star Kepner, U.S.C.- Sumter
Dr. Kay Koons, Trident Technical College
Mr. Jack Kresslein, Senate Education Committee
Mr. Scott Ludlow, Clemson University
Mr. Gary McCombs, College of Charleston
Marla Mamrick, U.S.C.
Mr. Chris Manley, Clemson University
Dr. Phil Moore, U.S.C.
David Morrisette, M.U.S.C.
Dr. Susan Norton, Trident Technical College
Jim Openshaw, The Citadel
Dr. Mary Ann Parsons, U.S.C.
Ms. Susan Pryor, U.S.C.
Mr. Charles Schawver, Budget and Control Board
Mr. John Smalls, S. C. State University
Dr. Mary Thornley, Trident Technical College
Dr. Aileen Trainer, U.S.C.
Becky Trickey, M.U.S.C.
Mr. Richard Williams, S. C. Technical System
Mr. Bryce Wilson, Budget and Control Board

Member of the Press:

Deneshia Graham, *The Post and Courier*

This meeting was held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Floyd. Dr Lynn Kelley introduced numerous guests attending the meeting, all of whom are listed above.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Floyd asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on August 24, 2004. The **motion** was made (Olson), **seconded** (Byerly) and **carried** to approve the minutes as written.

3. Chairman's Report

- Chairman Floyd made reference to an information sheet regarding the Emerging Scholar Program at Clemson University that had been distributed to all Commissioners for their review.
- Chairman Floyd brought to the Commissioners' attention information about the Campus Safety Conference to be held February 23-25, 2005 on the Columbia campus of USC. He recommended that they mark their calendars and make plans to attend.
- Chairman Floyd advised that Dr. Festa gave a presentation about the Commission's budget requirements to the Governor and his staff on Tuesday, October 5, 2004. He also stated that Dr. Festa would give the Commission a synopsis during the Executive Director's Report portion of the meeting.
- Chairman Floyd asked the Commissioners to make note of the 2005 Schedule of Commission meetings which they had been given.
- Chairman Floyd stated that Dr. Festa would address recently released information on the National Higher Education Report Card during the Executive Director's Report portion of the meeting.
- Chairman Floyd recognized Betsy Gunter, recently retired from the Commission, presented her with a gift, and commended her for her many years of dedicated and faithful service. He also recognized Charlie FitzSimons who will be leaving the Commission to accept the position of President and CEO of S. C. Independent Colleges and Universities. Commissioner Byerly spoke briefly, commended Charlie for 13 years of outstanding service to the agency, and wished him well.

4. Committee Reports

4.01 Report of the Executive Committee (No Report)

-Dalton B. Floyd

4.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

-Vermelle Johnson

- A. Dr. Johnson stated that the Review Board of the S. C. Research Centers of Excellence approved the budget for FY 04-05. She made reference to a breakdown of the budget (**Attachment I**). On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a

motion (Johnson) was made and **seconded** (Horne) to approve the proposed budget request from the Review Board, Research Centers of Excellence/Endowed Professorship Program for FY 04-05. Mr. Konduros questioned why it appeared that over half of this budget request appeared to provide for marketing services. Dr. Morrison responded by stating that this was necessary in order to attract the quality of personnel to handle press releases and marketing as well as to accomplish the development of a web site. At the conclusion of this discussion, the vote was brought to the table and **carried**.

B. Six new program proposals were presented to the Commission for consideration of approval. Detailed information about each of these programs can be found in Attachment II.

1. A. H. S., Emergency Medical Technology, Trident Technical College, to be implemented in the fall of 2005. Dr. Johnson stated that the need for Emergency Medical Technicians in the Charleston area had been established to her committee's satisfaction and that their admissions and curriculum standards as well as other program logistics had been considered adequate. The MRR and other costs were provided to the Commissioners for their review. Dr. Johnson stated that three other S. C. technical colleges currently offer the EMT program. On behalf of the Committee of Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** was made (Johnson) and **seconded** (Mosteller) to approve the proposed program leading to an A.H.S. degree program in Emergency Medical Technology at Trident Technical College. General Olson questioned why it appeared that the total revenue for this program was short of its actual cost. Dr. Morrison responded that some in-kind contributions were going to be made to provide for equipment. She also stated that these figures are provided under the assumption that the MRR would be fully funded. The figures are not absolute and are to be viewed as guideposts, and the institution may have to make adjustments in order to accommodate funding for the program. The question was raised as to whether the city and county would make any financial contribution to this program. Dr. Mary Thornley stated that there was such strong lowcountry support of it in terms of personnel and equipment, she was confident of its success. The vote then brought to the table and it **carried**.
2. B. P. S., Culinary Arts, Trident Technical College, to be implemented in the fall of 2006. Dr. Johnson stated that her committee brings proposed approval of this program to the Commission after having discussed concerns about it at length. She stated that approval of this program would require that Trident Technical College would have to go to SACS to get a "substantive change" completed and approved. At that point Trident would have to be evaluated as a four-year institution. Institutional articulation agreements would be sought with Horry-Georgetown Technical College as well as Greenville Technical College, which are the other institutions in S. C. offering this type of degree. The program would also seek accreditation through the American Culinary Federation. Dr. Johnson made reference to associated costs of this program in material provided to the Commissioners. She stated that, if approved, this would be the first and only B.P.S. in Culinary Arts degree offered in S. C. as well as the first Baccalaureate program offered at a technical college in S. C. On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs & Licensing, a **motion** (Johnson) was made and **seconded**

(Ravenel) to approved the B.P.S, Culinary Arts program at Trident Technical College as indicated in **Attachment II**. Dr. Johnson also stated that the committee recommended that the Commission include the following statement : In approving the B.P.S. in Culinary Arts at Trident Technical College, the Commission is responding to the General Assembly's support for authorization of this program and its recognition that such a program is important to our hospitality industry. The Commission should also recognize that its approval is for a single mission four-year program at a two-year institution. This approval should not be construed as an endorsement or incentive for other four-year programs at any of the sixteen technical colleges to include Trident Technical College or the two-year regional campuses of USC. A lengthy discussion followed as to whether this action should be delayed until after the Supreme Court rules on the Life Sciences Act. Dr. Thornley provided information in defense of the proposed time line to implement this program. Chairman Floyd expressed concern about setting a precedent whereby other two-year institutions may elect to offer similar programs in the future, possibly influencing their MMR's. After additional discussion on this issue, the vote was brought to the table. The motion was **denied** with a vote of 5 to 4. Dr. Festa recognized all the hard work that had been put into this effort, stated that the action taken was without prejudice and that it should not be considered confrontational. A **motion** (Byerly) was then made, **seconded** (Durham) and **carried** to reconsider this proposal at a later date. Another **motion** (Johnson) was then made, **seconded** (Olsen), and **carried** to **table** the matter until a later date so that it would not have to go through the Academic Affairs and Licensing Committee a second time prior to coming to the Commission.

3. B.S.B.A., Economics, Coastal Carolina, to be implemented in the spring of 2005. On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and licensing, a **motion** (Johnson) was made and **seconded** (Mosteller) to approve the B.S.B.A. in Economics degree program at Coastal Carolina University. After some discussion about the focus of the program having to do with service learning and verification that library costs had already been integrated into the proposed program, the motion **carried**.
4. D.P.T., Physical Therapy, MUSC, to be implemented in the summer of 2005. This program would replace the existing entry level M. S. in Rehabilitation Physical Therapy degree program. The committee is satisfied that this program is unique, would not be duplicative in nature and follows the national trend to create clinical doctorate degrees as the first professional degree in physical therapy. On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Johnson) was made, **seconded** (Loadholt) and **carried** to approve the D.P.T. in Physical Therapy degree program at MUSC.
5. Ph.D., Professional Communications, Clemson University, to be implemented in the fall of 2005. The committee agreed that the need for the program has been documented and the institution is equipped to handle the program. On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Johnson) was made, **seconded** (Byerly), and **carried** to approve the program leading to the Ph.D. degree in Professional Communications at Clemson University.

5. Center for Nursing Leadership, U.S.C., Columbia. The Center would create educational opportunities for current and emerging leaders in the field of professional nursing. An objective of this center is that it would be self-supporting and that revenue to begin it is already in place. On behalf of the Commission on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** (Johnson) was made, and **seconded** (Loadholt) to approve the Center for Nursing Leadership at U.S.C.- Columbia. After brief discussion about the possible need for future state money, the motion **carried**.

C. Consideration of Request for Initial License, M. S., Project Management, George Washington University at U.S.C.- Aiken to be implemented in the fall of 2004.

George Washington University and U.S.C.- Aiken are negotiating an agreement to collaborate on this project. Student tuition and fees would be paid to George Washington and George Washington would pay U.S.C.- Aiken 20% of the gross revenues. More detailed information about this request can be found in **Attachment III**. On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing a **motion** was made (Johnson) and **seconded** (Forbes) to approve the initial license for the M..S. in Project Management degree offered by George Washington University at U.S.C.- Aiken for a period of 5 years. A representative from George Washington University responded to a question about how this proposal came about. It was pointed out that this would be primarily an on-line program and would appeal to more self-directed students. The motion was then brought to the table and **carried**.

D. Consideration of Request for Approval of New Mission Statement: Tri-County Technical College.

Descriptions of the old mission statement as well as the revised one can be found in **Attachment IV**. On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing a **motion** was made (Johnson) and **seconded** (Olsen) to approve the new mission statement for Tri-County Technical College. After Commissioner Horne proposed an amendment to the motion, but then withdrew it, the motion was brought to the table and **carried**.

E. Consideration of Reappointments to Deans' Committee for Medical Education

Dr. Johnson gave a brief explanation of the purpose of the Deans' Committee and made reference to the persons who have been recommended to continue as listed in **Attachment V**. Those persons are Dr. David Garr, Dr. Paul J. Hietko, Dr. Colman Floyd-Buckhouse, Dr. Jerry R. Youkey, and Dr. James I. Raymond. On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, a **motion** was made (Johnson), **seconded** (Horne), and **carried** to approve the above recommendation as stated.

Discussion followed as to whether the Deans' Committee collaborated with MUSC and the medical school at U.S.C. on the determination to establish the program leading to the Ph.D. in Physical Therapy program at MUSC. It was established that such action did not fall within their purview.

4.03 Report of the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services - Dan Ravenel

Report of Service Learning Task Force

Commissioner Ravenel gave a synopsis of the Blue Ribbon Committee meeting. Coastal Carolina University has volunteered to present a proposal for a pilot program. Dr. Pete Barr of Coastal Carolina explained that this pilot program would offer service learning benefits to students in grades K-12 as well as to those on the college level. Dr. Karen Woodfaulk was asked to make sure that all Commission members received information about what is referred to as the "Olsen Proposal".

4.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities - Ms. Rosemary Byerly**A. Consideration of Performance Funding Issues for 2004-05**

1. Consideration of Updates for USC Beaufort's Performance Funding Transition Plan.

The Finance and Facilities Committee recommended that the Commission approve the updated transition plan as indicated in **Attachment VI**. A summary of changes to previously distributed material was referred to and handed out. On behalf of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, a **motion** Byerly) was made, **seconded** (Ravenel) and **carried** to approve the updated Performance Funding Transition Plan for USC Beaufort.

2. Consideration of the Status Indicator 1D/E.

The Finance and Facilities committee recommended that the Commission approve that the institutions noted in **Attachment VII** be scored on indicator 1D/E in 2004-05 as described in **Attachment VII**. Commissioner Byerly noted that her committee had approved a change in that the Technical College of the Lowcountry has also elected to defer. On behalf of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, a **motion** was made (Byerly), **seconded** (Olsen), and **carried** to approve scoring the institutions specified on indicator 1D/E in 2004-05.

B. Consideration of Below-the-Line Items

Charlie FitzSimons delivered a power point presentation that explained the Below-the-Line (BTL) process. These are requests from the institutions for funding of items not provided for in their MRR's for the 2005-06 fiscal year. They'll be presented to the Legislature for consideration pending the Commission's approval. Mr. FitzSimons made reference to all 31 items (**found in Attachment VIII**) and the addition of one item, Asbestos Removal, requested by The Citadel, which was moved from the capital requests to the BTL requests. A copy of the item is included in **Attachment IX**. On behalf of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, a **motion** (Byerly) was made and **seconded** (Olsen) to approve the recommendation that the Below-the-Line requests including the additional request from The Citadel, be submitted to the Legislature for funding. Some discussion followed as to whether all members of the Commission have been provided with adequate information to make decisions on whether or not to fund

these items. Chairman Floyd stated that the Committee would have discussed each item in great detail prior to bringing the recommendation to the Commission. It was decided that any member of the Commission could be provided with more complete information on any items in the future should he or she so request it. It was also recommended that all Commissioners be notified of the dates and times of the various committee meetings in order that they may choose to attend if so desired. The motion was brought to the table and it **carried**.

C. Capital Projects

1. Deferred Maintenance Update. This material (**Attachment X**) was provided for the information of the Commissioners and no action was required.
2. Consideration of Interim Capital Projects

Commissioner Byerly made reference to the nineteen projects and two leases, the full details on which can be found in (**Attachment XI**) and she offered to entertain any questions about those projects. On behalf of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, a **motion** (Byerly) was made, **seconded** (Ravenel), and **carried** to approve these capital projects.

3. Consideration of Capital Projects – Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan (CPIP) Year Ratings

Charlie FitzSimons provided an explanation of the CPIP Year 2 process. A list of the capital projects and their ratings can be found in **Attachment XII**. It was noted that the projects had already been approved and that only the project ratings were being considered. On behalf of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, a **motion** (Byerly) was made, **seconded** (Ravenel) and **carried** to approve the project scores as presented with the removal of The Citadel's project on asbestos abatement to the BTL requests.

D. Consideration of Budget Request

The five requests, listed in order of priority (**see Attachment XIII**), have been presented to and endorsed by the Funding Advisory Committee. Changes noted were in the Below-the-Line and Capital Projects categories. On behalf of the Committee on Finance and Facilities, a **motion** (Byerly) was made, **seconded** (Olsen), and **carried** to approve the five requests.

5. Legislative Update

-Rita Allison
-Charlie FitzSimons

Rita Allison reported that the Executive Budget had been in process during the week. She also reported that Dr. Festa represented CHE at a budget hearing with the Governor and his staff on Tuesday, October 5, 2004. Dr. Festa will be meeting with several of the legislators to talk about the CHE budget as well as about what will be taking place in the next legislative session with regard to higher education. Staff members of CHE will be working on amendments to higher education legislation. The House Caucuses have met and had a day of prayer for our nation's

leaders and our troops overseas. Jim Merrill has been named the new Republican House majority leader. Information of importance to S. C. colleges and universities will be

gathered and compiled in The Chairman's Letter which will be distributed in the near future. It is yet to be determined whether a bond bill has a chance of passing in the next legislative session.

6. Report of the Executive Director

-Conrad Festa

Dr. Festa reported on his meeting with the Governor and his staff regarding the budget and also stated that there was great interest in what we can do to be cost effective in higher education. Productive discussion also took place at that meeting about the affordability of higher education in South Carolina which led to conversation about need-based grants. Dr. Festa also made reference to the appointments he'll be having with legislators, emphasized the importance of those meetings, and noted that with the departure of Charlie FitzSimons from CHE, Ms. Allison will be mentoring staff to assist with legislative commitments. Dr. Festa offered to give a brief review of the recently released Report Card on Higher Education, however, due to the fact that the Commission meeting had already extended well beyond its normal length, it was decided that he would do that at a later date. Dr. Festa commended Commission members for the responsible way they carefully addressed this meeting's important issues.

7. Other Business

Commissioner Mosteller inquired as to whether there had been any follow-up on the two Benedict College professors who were recently fired because of their stand on grading on the basis of performance rather than on effort. It was reported that the professors had filed law suits on their behalfs. Although an incident of this type does not come within CHE's purview, potential scholarship considerations were noted.

Dr. Rayburn Barton reported that the USC Beaufort's new campus would be dedicated on October 28, 2004 and he extended an invitation to all Commissioners to attend that event.

8. Adjournment

Chairman Floyd made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. It was **seconded** (Horne) and **carried**.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Rogers

Recording Secretary

Attachments I - XIII

*Attachments are not included in this mailing, but will be filed with the permanent record of these minutes and are available for review upon request.